

## THE WEST END IS AGAIN PROSPEROUS

Country Once Devasted by Wind Again Coming to the Front.

### THE PEOPLE HAVE MONEY

Have Made Good Crops, and Have Plenty Laid By for a Rainy Day and Plenty to Sell—Merchants Are Also Enjoying Their Share of Prosperity.

Tax Collector W. D. Dickinson and Tax Assessor W. W. Colson returned Tuesday from the West End, where they have been for the past week in their official capacities.

"I was born and reared in the West End," remarked Assessor Colson, "and I want to say frankly that, as a rule, I have never seen the people of that section in a more prosperous state. This does not apply to any particular section, but every section that we visited. The farmers have been blessed with exceptionally good crops, especially in corn, cotton, meat and other staples, and as a result the majority of them not only have plenty stored away to last them until another season, but have had products to sell. They all have money, and the merchants are enjoying a good trade. The naval stores and other interests are also in the flower of prosperity, and money is more plentiful than I have seen it in the West End for many years."

It will be remembered that several years ago the West End was visited by a severe cyclone. Immense trees, which had stood for ages, were blown up by the roots or twisted off like matches, and carried in some instances nearly a mile by the frantic wind. The houses of prosperous farmers were blown from their foundations and wrecked, leaving hundreds of families helpless and destitute in the track of the storm, with nothing about them but desolation. The good people suffered as they had never suffered before, but with that grit and determination which has made the West End a power to be felt, notwithstanding that they had discouragement staring them in the face, they went at once to work to rebuild their homes and establish themselves in the line of progress—and now the reaction has come. They deserve commendation and credit.

As the best evidence that the people of the West End are prospering, Mr. Colson stated that Collector Dickinson enjoyed one of the most successful collection tours since his induction into office. In former years after the storm, the residents of the western section of the county, not through choice, but through necessity, begged for extension of time for the payment of taxes. Now they come promptly and smilingly to the collector, and it seems a satisfaction and a pleasure to them.

Assessor Colson states that his trip was also very successful, having been successful in securing a great many returns.

### HAVING A BIG TIME.

Hunting Party at Kanapaha Captured Four Foxes First Day's Hunt.

The party of distinguished Atlanta gentlemen who are enjoying a hunt under the clever guidance of Sheriff Fennell in the vicinity of the Haile homestead near Kanapaha, are having a "gay old time," if one is to judge from the reports which are coming from the scene of action.

It will be remembered that this party, comprising General Superintendent Huger of the Seaboard Air Line, Dr. J. B. S. Holmes, City Attorney W. P. Hill of Atlanta and other prominent gentlemen, with sixty hounds, arrived in Kanapaha on a private car Sunday, and early Monday began their fox hunt. Sheriff Fennell, the pioneer fox hunter of this section, was along, and it was not long before the party had captured four fine foxes.

The party will remain until Friday or Saturday, and expect to bag lots of game.

### The Judge Was Busy.

His Honor Judge H. G. Mason has had little to do for the past few days, but matters took a turn Tuesday, and the genial Judge was called upon to perform two marriage ceremonies, which he did with usual grace and dignity. Both parties were colored.

On Monday evening His Honor, at his home, united in the holy bonds of matrimony T. L. Goodwin and Ozena Ward, white. Both these young people are very popular in the West End, where they reside, and their friends will extend congratulations.

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### ODD FELLOWS' HOME.

Many Arrivals and All Enjoying Their Sojourn.

Last week there were a number of new arrivals and the rooms are being filled with guests.

George A. Floding and wife of Huntington, W. Va., are here for the winter, and both are pleasant people. Mr. Floding is a P. G. and P. C. P. of the Odd Fellows and a P. O. of the K. of P. lodge of his home city. He also publishes The Odd Fellows' Advocate and manufactures regalia.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Marsh and son, who have been guests for some time, will commence housekeeping this week in the Brown House Annex.

Col. A. E. Whittemore of Bowling Green, Ky., is taking on a cold and his fine bass voice is coming back to him.

We will soon have a fine mixed quartet and be able to furnish music on all occasions. Mesdames Smith, Wilcox and Floding are all getting their voices in fine condition.

Our worthy matron, Mrs. D. G. Edwards, is quite busy these days caring for the sick and the other guests, but the neat and tidy appearance of the Home, as the older guests are disposed to call it, makes it one of the most cheerful places in Florida.

J. C. Byars left on Monday for a business trip along the East Coast, to be gone about two weeks.

Miss Florence Wilcox, who is here with her mother for the winter, expects to attend the public school during their stay here.

C. D. Schafer, the sculptor, has developed a taste for photography, and on Monday took a snap shot of the Home with all the guests on the porch. If the picture is a good one it will be a great card for his camera, such a variety of beauty being presented.

### Deafness Cannot be Cured

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## JAPANESE ENTER PORT ARTHUR

Nogi Takes His Position and Reviews His Troops.

### THE SURRENDER UNNECESSARY

Correspondent Says Stoessel is Blamed for Not Holding Out Months Longer—Proposals for Surrender First Made December 29th.

Headquarters Third Japanese Army, Port Arthur, Jan. 14, via Tien Tsin, Jan. 16.—The victorious Japanese army yesterday formally entered Port Arthur. General Nogi, with his staff entered first through the old town and took his stand in the public square of the new town. The army was represented by one regiment from each brigade.

The procession, which was five miles long, was three hours passing the saluting base, after which the troops passed out of the city through the new town. The correspondents then visited the captured city for the first time. The old town buildings were badly smashed by shells, but in the new town the damage was slight. All the shipping in the harbor was badly damaged by shell fire, the warships being practically useless owing to the injuries they had sustained by shells.

Proposals for the surrender of Port Arthur were first made December 29, at a council of war. General Stoessel was in favor of surrender, but some of his general officers were bitterly opposed to it. The regimental officers and the troops were not consulted.

The first news they had of the surrender was January 1, after General Stoessel had communicated with the Japanese.

### A Grim Tragedy

Is daily enacted in thousands of homes, as death claims, in each one, another victim of consumption or pneumonia. But when coughs and colds are properly treated, the tragedy is averted. F. G. Huntley of Oakland, Ind., writes: "My wife had the consumption, three doctors gave her up. Finally she took Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, coughs and colds, which cured her, and today she is well and strong." It kills the germs of all diseases. One nose relieves. Guaranteed at 50c and \$1.00 by all druggists. Trial bottles free.

### Has Sold His Farm.

Allen Goolsby of Montecaha was among the visitors to this city yesterday. He reports the temperature severely low yesterday morning, and fears that the cabbage crop in his section has been damaged.

Mr. Goolsby has recently sold his place, comprising two hundred acres of timber and fifty-five acres under cultivation, to J. B. Johns, who will take possession at once. He expects to remove with his family to Waucho, DeSoto county, where he will engage in farming and trucking.

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